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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Office Action dated September 9, 2001 be extended two months to and including February 25, 2002.

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